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issue that had to do with the way the NRD aid was distributed. That, in my estimation, the aid in that program goes disproportionately to the Papio Missouri because it isn't based on need. That one has a most peculiar distribution formula, in my estimation. It goes to those who collect the most taxes, and I happen to live in an NRD that doesn't collect much tax and doesn't get much state aid. It's a peculiar distributional formula. The municipality distributional formula is weighted for population so that a great deal of that goes to our largest municipalities. That's fair and appropriate. County aid goes out on a different schedule. That is distributed a little more evenly among the counties based on that program. The county property tax relief or aid program that we developed a couple of years ago, none of that goes to the two largest counties in the state. It all goes primarily to the lesser populated areas of the state because it is based on...it has a need component in it. So it's kind of a mixed bag about where the money actually goes. Some counties, some municipalities, some of these folks would have the capacity to make up for the lost aid. Some of them would not. We have a number of counties that are near their maximum, at or...at their maximum levies. They are at 50 cents. They could not make up the aid cut. Now there is nothing that we can do for those counties because the 50 cent limitation that they are up against is constitutional. Had a little discussion of that the other day on LB 1211. We will probably have a longer discussion again today about that particular issue. Those counties, if they are at their 50 cent maximum levy, will not be able to compensate for any cut in state aid that they might receive through either of the two programs. We have a number of municipalities that are at their maximum levy as well. If you recall from the discussion the other day, we have 135 of them that are at 45...above 45 cents. And we have a list, we can show you the ones that are above 50 cents, their statutory limitation. In their instance, they could have a local vote and they could exceed the levy limit if they needed to do that and compensate for the cut in state aid. Some of them have already had levy overrides and could compensate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.